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Committee Bill No. 5771

LCO No. 5091



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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE DRUGS IN
NINETY-DAY QUANTITIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-616 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (d) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (NEW) (d) A pharmacist may exercise his or her professional
4 judgment in refilling a prescription that is not for a controlled drug, as
5 defined in section 21a-240, without the authorization of the prescribing
6 practitioner, provided (1) failure to refill the prescription might result
7 in an interruption of a therapeutic regimen or create patient suffering,
8 and (2) the pharmacist informs the patient or representative of the
9 patient at the time of dispensing that the refill is being provided
10 without such authorization and informs the practitioner at the earliest
11 reasonable time that authorization of the practitioner is required for
12 future refills. Prescriptions may be refilled once pursuant to this
13 subsection for a quantity of drug not to exceed a ninety-day supply.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2015	20-616
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Statement of Purpose:

To authorize pharmacists to refill noncontrolled drug prescriptions for quantities of drugs not to exceed a ninety-day supply, subject to certain conditions.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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